Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

July 14, 2011

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: WC Docket No. 11-42 - Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization CC Docket No. 96-45 - Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service WC Docket No. 03-109 - Lifeline and Link Up

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

On behalf of our constituents, we write to thank the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for its efforts to reform and strengthen the Universal Service Fund's Lifeline program. The services provided through Lifeline are extraordinarily important to our most economically disadvantaged citizens and we applaud your efforts to fortify this program.

As you would surely agree, owning a cell phone is a necessity in modern society, providing help in finding and maintaining employment and staying safe in emergency situations. It is for these reasons that the Lifeline program has been, and continues to be, such an important program for our constituents. Unemployment amongst African-Americans remains significantly higher than the general population and we want to ensure that these citizens have access to the phone services that will help them reenter the workforce.

Many of the recommendations that the FCC has recently made will help to strengthen Lifeline, but there were some proposed changes that we believe are shortsighted and ultimately not in the best interests of the FCC or the low-income families who benefit from these services.

We strongly believe that one of the aspects of the Lifeline program that has made it effective has been the fact that is it free for eligible households. The recent recommendation to install an as-yet undetermined "barrier to entry" will, we believe, dismantle a fundamental benefit of the program. Additionally, capping the fund would create an unfair barrier preventing access by both low-income families who want to participate in the program as well as the states where penetration rates are still low.

Again, we are largely supportive of the FCC's efforts to find a long-term solution to issues affecting Lifeline. However, we believe that in times of such economic turmoil and uncertainty, the Commission should not adopt measures that place undue burden on Lifeline subscribers. The people who use this service are our most disadvantaged constituents, family, friends and neighbors and they should be able to benefit from this important program.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working together with the FCC to address this important matter.

Sincerely,

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September 20, 2011

The Honorable Alcee L. Hastings U.S. House of Representatives 2353 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hastings:

Thank you for your letters concerning the Commission's efforts to reform and strengthen the Universal Service Lifeline/LinkUp program. I appreciate your thoughts on this important program. Your letters have been entered into the record of the Commission's pending Lifeline/LinkUp Reform and Modernization proceeding.

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The Honorable Karen Bass U.S. House of Representatives 408 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Bass:

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The Honorable Corrine Brown U.S. House of Representatives 2336 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke U.S. House of Representatives 1029 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Danny K. Davis U.S. House of Representatives 2159 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Keith Ellison U.S. House of Representatives 1027 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge U.S. House of Representatives 1019 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Al Green
U.S. House of Representatives
2201 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Barbara Lee U.S. House of Representatives 2267 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Lee:

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The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton U.S. House of Representatives 2136 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Charles B. Rangel U.S. House of Representatives 2354 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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